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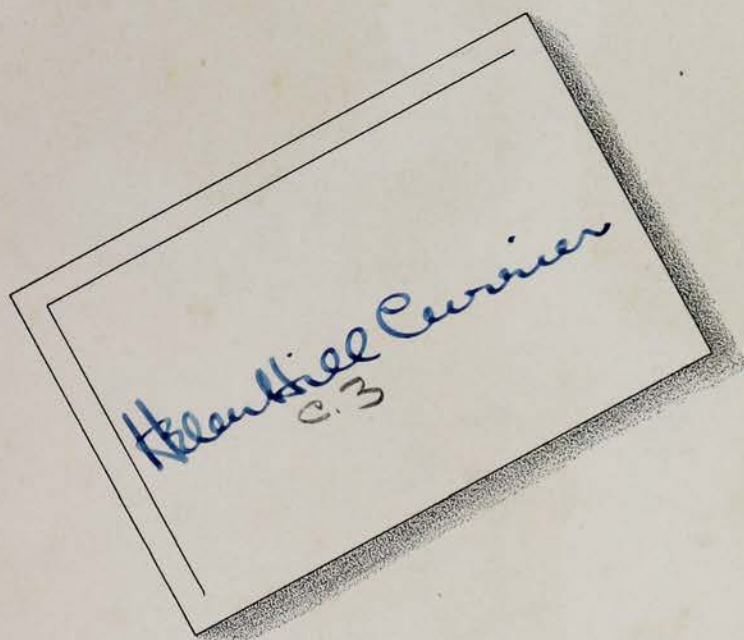
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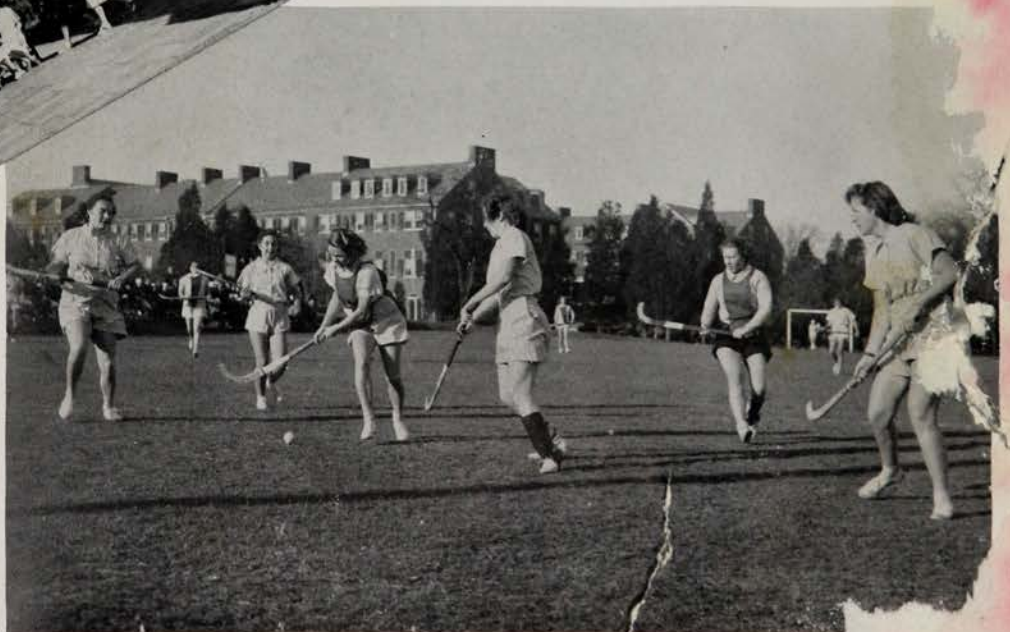
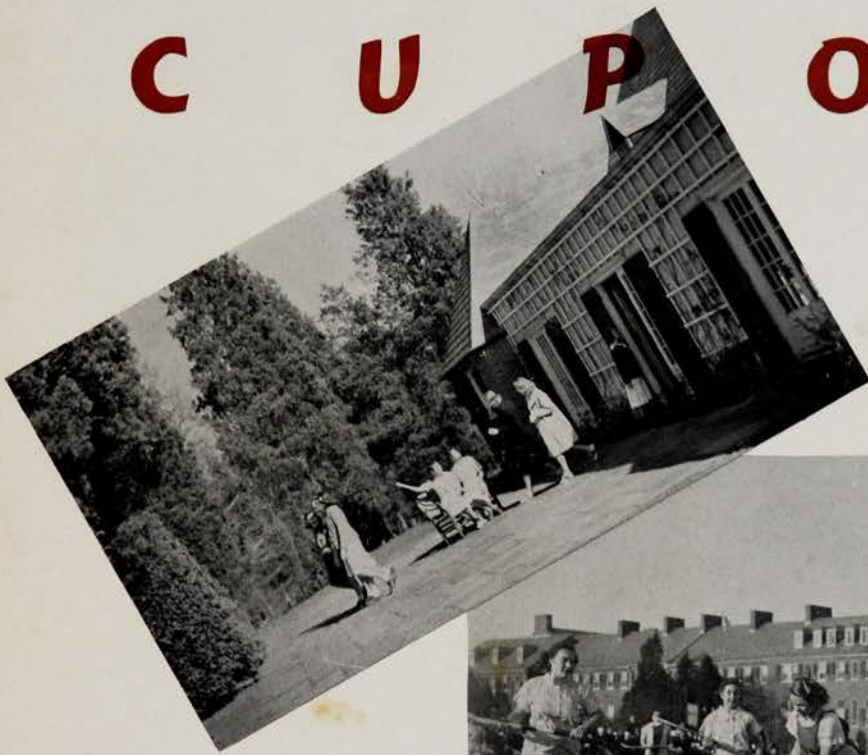


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T O MR. GEORGE W. LLOYD

we, the Student Body, hold it a high privilege to dedicate

this nineteen thirty-nine CUPOLA. His wisdom as an

administrator, his patience as a guide, and his loyal

confidence in our ability to achieve have won for him

our sincere and grateful devotion.



FACULTY FEATURES

Finding that the members of our Faculty do not like to be recorded conventionally any better than we do, we turned the candid Mr. Brooks loose among them, too. Here they all are, or most all, in actions quite as characteristic as their sterner classroom behavior. At the left

the Heads are up to something. Is Miss Marion about to appear in another Professor Quiz, or is it just another special rest period? Below, Mr. Lloyd is obviously wondering what his English department will try for next, while Mrs. Leonard wishes she had concocted that gorgeous birthday cake. Please notice that Miss Smith is ready for any emergency.

On the next page we have caught two lively groups in our midst. Mrs. Lindsay, called in the catalogue by the ominous title of Director of Residence, gets around to see us every now and then and we like it. If it were not for Miss Blakeslee none of us would ever have entered the portals of Mount Vernon; and it is Mrs. Storey who is bound to know all about us in the future. Mademoiselle Donze is as sweet as she looks but not so mild. Her hair has a



lovely copper tinge, and she has all that goes with it. This year Gretchie Thomas, who has been passing through the transitional stage from student group to Faculty, has added much to both activities.

On the right, Miss Hanna is chuckling at something. We can't tell just what it is, but wager Miss Jean has just made one of her smart remarks. Mrs. Barrow, her arms full of music, is apparently almost late for chapel. Miss Kelly must have caught that amusing comment of Miss Jean's; but Miss Urner is obviously unconcerned over the whole incident. Miss Stephen looks interested but rather far away. We wonder where.

By the way, there are more to our Faculty than these pictures have been able to record. We have several who dash in and out, here and there, two or three times a week. Miss Elsa Raner, Violinist, and Miss Riggs, Harpist, were added this year to the ever-growing Music Department. Also, believe it or not, there are several full grown men among these dashers-in-and-out,



who come over from George Washington University, no less, to teach us history, philosophy, and psychology. As this copy goes off to the printer, we are still hoping to catch them in a last final group. So far our camera has not been speedy enough. Mr. Rice, Advisor to all our amateur treasurers, is also camera shy, but we hope to catch him with the above.

Another new member of the music department, Miss Milliette (upper left) has added vocal color to our musical events this year. She makes her home at Gatesley with Mrs. Rickett and Miss Blakeslee. Incidentally, the living room at Gatesley makes a delightful studio for Mrs. Rickett's piano students. Mrs.



Walker, another of our devoted house mothers, is Advisor to Lend-A-Hand. Madame Canton aids and abets Mademoiselle in her attempt to develop a French accent at M. V.S. Miss Davis, with the help of Miss Smith, doses us, bathes us, and sometimes scolds us when we are ill or think we are. When they think we are, they call in Dr. Prentiss.

Miss Mack, enthusiastic director of Drama, was finally caught between rehearsals for the candid shot on the left. Miss Brown, Miss Carter, and Mrs. Raner, very special secretaries to everybody, do lots of things besides, as the circle on the left indicates. Miss Myers, Aunt Minnie to a chosen few of us, is another of our indispensable advisors and comforters. In the same picture is Miss Walker, Secretary of the Alumnae Association. Miss Munn and Miss Nourse are going to be late for class, but Miss Nourse does not look very worried about that. Mrs. Moore comes out to solve all those problems which the rest of the teachers cannot cope with. Are you one of them? In the last group we hope you are looking at the above mentioned Dr. Kayser, Dr. Britt, Dr. Merri- man, Dr. Garnett and Mr. Rice.

And now for the story . . .

SOCIAL SEASON OPENS

The social year was opened with the usual welcoming parties given during the very first week of school. Mr. and Mrs. Lloyd entertained at dinner all members of the Faculty, with wives and husbands. In Field House the old girls greeted the new girls with a wild party of games, contests and a treasure hunt. We understand there was plenty of action at both parties. At least, by the end of the week everyone seemed to know everybody else and a new season at M V S had burst wide open.

The first scheduled event on the calendar was Pasternak's fashion show, presented at Field House on the evening of October 21. All fashion-minded students and teachers were there, seeking helpful hints as to the authentic winter modes. Many charming models were discovered in our midst on this occasion.

Just ten days later, on the 31st, when witches began to ride and ghosts rose out of their graves, the Faculty came down from the clouds with a hilarious Hallowe'en party at Field House. No student activity can ever outdo the clever performance of these teachers of ours when they can be persuaded to do their stuff. A radio broadcast full of amusing impersonations and side-splitting dialogue and repartee entertained us for one short hour. At the same party prizes were awarded the students showing the cleverest and the most amusing costumes in the Grand March.

TREE PLANTING

Always the first important activity of a new Senior class is the tree planting ceremony. The class of 1939 stepped into the limelight this year on November 4, with the dedication of a white dogwood to the last memory of the dearly beloved Shelter. This class, being the last to know and become attached to the little cabin in the woods, planted their tree on the site where they had spent many happy hours.





BIRTHDAY PARTY

The very next day, November 5, marked the sixty-third birthday of our Alma Mater. Our birthday is celebrated each year on the anniversary of the birth of the Founder, Mrs. Somers. The minor activities of the day were climaxed by the birthday party in the late afternoon. The dining-room was beautiful, with a long table stretched through the center, topped by an enormous cake of many candles. With pleasing ceremony the candles were gradually blown out by alumnae, their granddaughters, other students and members of Faculty. Behold Mr. Lloyd

sturdily doing his bit in true anniversary spirit.

JUNIOR VAUDEVILLE

This year the Junior Vaudeville was excellent, showing great ingenuity on the part of the class and worrying the Seniors no end in view of the coming contest of wits between them. At this first Junior event, the present, the past, and a censored future of school life at M.V.S. were shown. To console those few of us who may feel that present-day rules are pretty stiff, the clever Juniors dramatized "The Awful Truth" as to rigid inspections in days gone by. (The following may be considered off the record, but Miss Hastings confided to a few of us that only so far back as 1928 there was a first-day inspection to assure the wearing of undershirts!)

After the Junior Show the Seniors received in their own rooms at the annual house-warming. This year the rooms were just as crowded as ever, food just as plentiful. The only difference was that there are more members in the class of '39, hence more food.

JUNIOR CLASS

Now for more than a word about the Junior Class which this clever event has introduced to us. It was easy to see from the start that they were, and are, something to be reckoned with. Their readiness and wit promise much for next school year. It has been notoriously hard for some of these girls to buckle down to the serious occupation of study; but was it not ever thus? A scare or two here and there seems to have brought most of them into line.

With Bunny Banks as chief Mogul it is no wonder our Juniors have such a well-developed sense of humor. At least it must be that that keeps so many of them, so much of the time, down in the "Den of Iniquity." It has been suggested from higher up that if some of them would spend as much time seeking for knowledge as they spend looking for a fourth at bridge there might be a few more A's on their report cards. Well, everything does not begin with an A, and we have an idea this gay, quick-witted crowd will go to town next year, as seniors.

Vice-President Joan Ashey rather dislikes the South and southerners in general, but completely overlooks all that with her own southern classmates. Ruthie Applewhite, the calculating Treasurer, balances the budget perfectly; and with Sneezy Tidwell as Secretary, won't those class records sound dramatic?

The chief worries of this able executive committee are grouped below, apparently waiting impatiently for chapel doors to open; but do not let them fool you. They are not like that.





WHITE CLASS

On the left, we have our White Class candidly caught on the hill outside the Chapel. It looks as if spring fever had hit a few of these girls in the foreground. We can also see the mail man has come and gone, or perhaps that is a special delivery causing Gay Klipstein's worried look. The White Class is composed of girls in the Second and Fourth Forms.



YELLOW CLASS

The Yellow Class, much smaller than the White Class, is pictured here outside the Field House, apparently waiting for something, we wonder what it could be. A few of the girls have decided that time is passing slowly and are "taking it easy" on the grass. Martha Boyd, ready for riding, looks as if she wants to snap a shot with her own camera. All of these girls are in the First or Third Forms.

FALL SPORTS

The Athletic Association was one of the earliest clubs in action last fall. As soon as autumn rustled in the hockey season, Miss Jean and Miss Urner began training their vigorous athletes to play fair, hard, and cleverly; to keep on a healthful diet; and to get to bed early. Although all three games, with Holton Arms, Madeira, and Cathedral, marked defeat for M V S, our teams played well, losing only by small margins.

In the Thanksgiving game between the Yellows and the Whites, the able captains, Pril Armstrong and Bitsey Birney, shared well won honors. The coldness of the day suggested capes with hoods up to most of the spectators, but this Ku-Klux-Klan audience willingly donned team colors at the half, marching, singing, and forming into letters and numbers honoring both teams. The glint in the eye of the Yellow's mascot, Goat, held in something like control by Ruth Blanchard, tells the truth. The Yellows won by five to one. The "Pigs" Truitt were happy for their team that their score was kept within the limits of their self-esteem. Following this glorious day, tiny team pins were fashioned after their illustrious mascots.

Although a most popular sport, hockey always has rivals. Meadowbrook stable has drawn the horse lovers, several of whom have almost been featured in more or less important shows. Difficulties in time allowance have meant early dismissal from Student Body meetings, but these equine enthusiasts did not seem to mind. Tennis to some has been tops. Even with six courts on campus it has often been impossible to find one free. Two singles teams and two doubles from the Yellows competed with similar set-ups from the Whites. Both students and teachers watched the finals, cheering the would be



Whites Drive to Victory



Yellows Recover

Vineses on with team songs and cheers. There was also team competition in volley-ball and archery. Golf, that sophisticated sport, offered awards for good playing and for improvement. After all sports periods the pool has invited the hot and tired, as well as all by itself developing athletic stars of its own.

Awards for all these fall sports were given at the Athletic Association dinner at Field House shortly after hockey season closed. An informal feast with songs and jokes preceded the more formal presentation of awards. With a "Balm o' Gilead" to the Misses Jean and Urner and their helpers, the fall sports season of '38 came to an end.

CHRISTMAS PARTIES

After the Thanksgiving week-end, a surprise innovation this year, the Christmas spirit took over the school completely. At last, on Saturday night, December tenth, the M V S servants and their families were our very special guests at the annual pageant and Christmas tree. A mystery of the Birth of Christ was performed in procession and pantomime in the Chapel, after which we all went down to the indoor gymnasium for the children's party.

Three Anns
Entertain a Boar



The tree was shining with lights and sparkly gifts when Santa came down the chimney, urged and tugged at by Snow White and the seven dwarfs. Santa and his helpers 1939-style distributed presents to the youngsters as they climbed to the stage and seated themselves on the floor. Then for Santa, and for us, they recited the pieces they had been learning for the occasion. They were happy and we were joyously entertained. In fact, Christmas was already here.

The following evening Lend-a-Hand Society invited the children from Hillcrest Village to our evening chapel service. Each child was given a present as she left. This is one of the many annual friendly activities of Lend-a-Hand. At this same season, the girls filled stockings to be delivered by the Day Students to the Washington Associated Charities, and gifts were sent by the students to the Euclid Street Home. Frankie Magill is President of Lend-a-Hand this year; Mrs. Walker is Faculty Advisor. Lend-a-Hand also sponsored this year gifts to the Evanston Cradle and the Seeing Eye, as well as special aid to loyal old friends of M.V.S.



Satisfaction Follows Striking Ceremony

The jolliest of all our Christmas festivities was the Boar's Head dinner, given the night before the long-awaited vacation. The dining-room was completely transformed by its cheery decorations of holly and mistletoe, and a Christmas tree on every table. Before the feast, the impressive Boar's Head ceremony from olden times was put on by the Glee Club. As you see, we have several candid pictures, not only of the old boar himself but also of the merry participants and guests. The delicious dinner was brought to an end with a blazing plum pudding. No Christmas dinner is complete without it.

"Hark, the Herald Angels Sing," the seniors serenaded us at dawn. Before night we were all off to begin the Christmas all over again at home.



Social League Opens Dance Season

JOHNS HOPKINS CONCERT

We returned reluctantly from our grand holiday at home, but our spirits did not droop for long. The Social League had arranged for the very first Saturday night a concert by and a dance with the members of the Johns Hopkins University musical clubs. The program, presented in Chapel, included songs by the Glee Club, vocal solos, quartets, string ensembles, and violin and piano solos. After an entertaining concert we all went down to Field House to dance. It was loads of fun, and in spite of the novelty of girls cutting in, everyone caught the spirit of the thing, making it a great success. Paul Joneses were helpful for the first few dances; by the time scrambled eggs and coffee arrived, lasting friendships had been made. The boys had brought along the University orchestra to make music, but the musicians were so badly needed as dancers that the good old Vic was called into action.

The Social League is a comparatively new organization this year, an outgrowth of the Prom committees of former years. Instead of a temporary group for each particular affair, the League acts as a permanent committee to arrange and carry through all major events on the social calendar. Each member of the League is assigned to some special responsibility in the staging of all parties. Patsy Fowler, ably assisted from the sidelines by Lillian Ziegler (non member), has chosen the fine orchestras we have danced to this year. Credit for the colorful and original decorations goes to Ann Hersloff, and credit for the delicious food to Marnie. Mary Hayden, Secretary, and Bunny Banks, lend their helping wits to food, decorations and general arrangements. The girls of this organization have had the constant interest and advice of Miss Marion as President, Mr. and Mrs. Lloyd, Mrs. Lindsay, and Miss Jean.

ASSEMBLIES

Speaking of brightening the corners, we wish here to enter a tribute to the interesting list of assembly programs Miss Hanna has brought to school this year. Mr. Kiplinger of the Kiplinger News Letter Service brought us some valuable news right off the wires, combined with his own interesting predictions and forecasts of possible outcomes. He even roused us to question and discussion, surely some of us to a more consistent interest in daily headline news. Mr. Louis Untermeyer, poet and critic, came out one afternoon to talk to us and some special guests about poetry in everyday life. Mrs. Lloyd served tea after the meeting, which all was just another assembly dressed up to an exciting party. Miss Elizabeth Clark, of the International Migration Service, came in a regular Wednesday session with moving stories of refugees and their present political predicaments. These and other assemblies, although planned primarily for their educational value, we have thoroughly enjoyed, both for their live, up-to-the-minute subject matter and for the stimulating persons who have spoken.

INGENUITY

The throwing of the Senior glove challenged the Juniors to the annual battle of wits, to be held on the evening of January 14. A super-secret committee from the Faculty went to work on the formulation of problems worthy of our most ingenious members. The evening came, as such evenings always come. Leaving untouched plates at the dinner table and with nary a calm face, the Seniors struggled weakly to Senior room. Having drawn the favored lot for first performance, the Juniors, tense and solemn, were just able to make Optima room. There they went to work fast and furiously on a short time allowance, while the Seniors grew grey with the long wait for second period.



Four Little Angels

Show the filming of a scene from one of the movies-to-be, "Cyrano de Bergerac," "Gone With the Wind," or "Pinocchio," was the first order. Choosing the balcony scene from "Cyrano," the star-sighing Bettsy Smith listened to the simperings of her weak-willed lover, Ruth Blanchard, as he was secretly prompted by out-standing-nosed Ruth Fishback. For the same problem, of course the southern minded Seniors just had to choose "The Wind." Eleanor



Cyrano Serenades

"O'Hara" Wallace primed as she wailed her fate to Anne Laurie "Melanie" Comer, so sweet in the filming, so terrifying on the set. When it came to pantomiming two dictatorships and a democracy there was little chance for variety. After all there are not so many conspicuous democracies left, and certainly only two or three as yet notorious dictators. Hitler, Stalin and Roosevelt were burlesqued in their characteristic attitudes by both groups. Well, the Juniors gave a grand show but the evening went to the Senior Class.

FORMS INGENUITY

On January 21 an equally important ingenuity contest was staged by the Forms, between the Yellow and the White classes. Again a Faculty committee set the trials. The Whites had the stage first, their first stunt being to represent five historical persons. Anne Vinton caused a riot as Henry VIII, especially when she lost her hat and her beard to the very first wife. Deenie

Ingenious Formers





Hitlerites Stage Losing Show

Hutton was "wrapped up" in a vivid, languid characterization of Cleopatra. The Yellow class also chose these characters as two of their five, making a most interesting comparison. Peggy Mack as Henry VIII stole the hearts and the lives of his various wives in rapid procession of events. Irene Stewart as the captivation Cleopatra danced to her said love-death.

A casting office problem led to two very different class impressions. The White Class chose to impersonate prominent persons of the stage today. We especially remember Gay Klipstein as Harpo Marx. The Yellows put on an amateur-night. Again the audience clapped Irene into a dance encore. Both classes gave fine shows but the Yellows were a bit more ingenious, winning the coveted honor of defeating their traditional rivals, the Whites.

MUSICAL EVENTS

The remarkable growth of musical consciousness which is making itself felt throughout the nation is also pervading M.V.S. Music is being increasingly enjoyed and shared by the entire school community. This widens the activity of the ever popular Choral Society, better known as Glee Club and Choir. The Choir has been especially outstanding this year in the beautiful anthems of Sunday Chapel service. The Glee Club has appeared in two recitals. The first was in December. We were delighted with the splendid progress of the singers in harmony of voice and interpretation. The girls sang again for M.V.S. Council in April. The combined Choir and Glee Club are still working on the operetta, "In Mozart's Time," which will officially close the music season at Mount Vernon.

Mrs. Barrow is Director and Mildred Rand, President, of Choir and Glee Club. We are also indebted to Mrs. Barrow for the fine organ recitals she has given us on Sunday nights. On January 21, Mrs. Barrow and Miss Mack chaperoned a small group of girls to New York for a delightful week-end of Metropolitan Operas.



Morning Chapel

Music at M. V. S. means first of all Choir and Glee Club, but there are other varieties of musical activity which grow in importance and interest. Student recitals are given now and then by our budding vocalists, violinists, and harpist. Outside school this year we have heard a long line of professional artists and orchestras. These performances have meant much in our life at school this year, as we have had the opportunity to hear such artists as Flagstad, Rachmaninoff, Hofmann, Toscanini, Menuhin, and Kreisler.

SKY TOP

"All aboard for Sky Top" was the cry heard February third right after mid-year exams. A large group left at noon to spend a glorious week-end "High in the Poconos". There had not been enough snow for skiing but ice-skating, dog-sledding, and tobogganing more than filled up the time. That first toboggan ride was one certainly never to be forgotten. Many delegates from the sunny South realized for the first time the amount of skill needed to stay afoot on ice-skates. At night there were sleigh rides which proved to be most romantic, for what could be more beautiful than a full moon shining on that winter wonderland. With the spills and thrills of that week-end came relaxation and refreshment to all of us.



Sophisticates Ski at Sky Top

SENIOR TEAS

Beginning quite formally, the Seniors gave a tea in Great Hall for the Junior Class on February 16. Apparently they became more progressive as the cap and gown ceremony neared, for twice they invited the Fourth Form to a "puff and a bite" of food, planned, prepared, and served all by their domestic selves. They collected their talents and choosing the tastiest ideas of the class they climaxed their home economic tendencies by inviting all the Forms on April 23 to a most delicious tea at the Field House.

FASHION SHOW

On February 17 the Field House Activity sponsored another of its fashion shows. This time the smart outfits from Francise were featured by a few of our most bewitching models. Many attractive sport suits and beach togs were shown, as well as a large array of frilly and sophisticated evening frocks. The style shows are always thoroughly enjoyed by every one and we are deeply indebted to the Field House for having given us two such excellent ones.

The Field House has been indirectly responsible for many of the happy hours spent here. Oftentimes, on a rainy afternoon or a lonely Friday night, our leisure (?) time has been changed from boredom to pleasure as a result of drinking cokes, eating Choc-cows, playing ping-pong, and dancing to the radio-vic.

The activity, itself manages the financial and social side of the Field House. Mrs. Leonard is their efficient advisor and does much of the buying for both tea shop and gift shop. The Field House has as its President, Alice Uihlein, who combines her original and clever ideas with those of Mrs. Leonard in the selection of different things for the gift shop. The remaining members take turns in serving as hostesses and patiently assisting us in our rather slow but steady buying of both food and gifts.

BASKETBALL

The basketball season this year was a great success. The Yellow and White game went off with a bang, both teams fighting hard and well; but the gods seemed to favor the Yellow team. Once the ball was in the hands of those skilled players it went from the center directly to the basket. Later in the season, after many long practices under the rapid coaching of Miss Jean and Miss Urner, both teams had good games with Holton Arms, Georgetown Visitation Convent, and Cathedral School.



Yellow Team Scores

Our girls were especially lucky to have a large, airy gymnasium for a practice floor. This kept them used to covering space. When they met a small gymnasium, the fear of getting out of breath did not add a grey hair. The value of the hours spent in perfecting signals was realized, also. Perhaps even the smokers agreed that less puffing and more sleeping did count in the "long run."



The most unique game of the season was the very last. Yes, students versus Faculty. A ripping, though weirdly ill-assorted group of thoroughly undignified teachers challenged the students to innumerable contests, ending with a fleety basketball game in which the hardest problem for the student players was to prevent their gamey opponents from hiding the incriminating ball.

THE PROM

The day of the Prom, February 25, was rung in with corsages, letters, and 'phone calls. Four o'clock brought scores of men to the gates of Mount Vernon. Girls whose dates were a little late watched eagerly from the upper windows, while the prompt and ready were already getting acquainted in the procession filing toward Field House. The informal dance of the afternoon was topped by a buffet supper, and a more carefree, better acquainted group swung toward the School, eagerness and hurried intent written on their faces.

Barely having time to dress, we were almost ready when our dates returned for the evening party. The gay decorations of the dining room led us into a gala circus atmosphere of painted clowns and brightly colored balloons. Dancers were soon whirling to the seductive strains of the band, while the corridors were lively with strolling couples. Twelve-thirty came too quickly, and before we realized it, our winter Prom was over.



"Everything Advantageous to Life"

SPRING PLAY

Although Little Theater sponsored the production of "The Admirable Crichton," tryouts were open to all school talent, plenty of which was available for the rather large cast. As production got under way it was decided that the cast worked better at night and that the most serious rehearsing should go on after dinner hour. It was hard work for everyone concerned but it was interesting, especially when the cast feasted after a strenuous night's work. The last dress rehearsal was given for the servants on March 10, and the cast sent to bed for a long rest. The final performance on March 11 called out the entire school.

The shipwrecking of the Loam family, their butler and their friends, on a desert island, caused no end of complications. Love making led to a complicated situation and class customs were thrown to the winds before the family again reached England and civilization. As the curtain rang down the last scene, the cast presented to Miss Mack a large basket of flowers, in appreciation of her good guidance and unfailing patience. At the reception in Great Hall, immediately following the play, girls with major roles were invited to stand in the receiving line.

The Little Theater has presented several other plays this year. The members have studied all phases of dramatic production. They have learned to make their own sets, arrange their own lighting, apply make-up, and design many of their special costumes. They have been given an opportunity to direct. This is one of the most popular and most flourishing of all school activities.



Outcasts startled by signs of life on their private island.

The tea party which started the trouble.



DANCE CLUB

Among the other new groups this year has appeared the Modern Dance Club. Miss Urner got the organization under way soon after Christmas vacation. The members are volunteers, interested in the study of creative dancing. Their first performance was given on March 15 at Roosevelt High School, as a part of the program of the Washington Dance Association. At the right we see a few of our graceful members in a shot from their presentation of "The Gypsy Band." Their dance was



Grace Justified

repeated in April for the Council. Meetings have been held down at the Field House, often on Saturday mornings. Bettsy Smith has represented them on the Athletic Association Board, which has generously assumed half the expenses while the Club is establishing itself. We believe this activity is one of the coming highlights of the school.

OPTIMA ENTERTAINS

On April second, Optima invited guests to a tea, given at the home of Miss Agnes De Lano. Miss Audrey Wurdemann and Mr. Joseph Auslander, guests of honor, read from their own poems. Mr. Auslander talked about his development of an American poets' room in the Congressional Library, where he is hard at work collecting original manuscripts of American and English poetry. Optima members, impressed with the value of this project, decided then and there to distinguish themselves as the first student group to donate money for some particular manuscript. The outcome is another book exhibit similar to the one offered before Christmas. The date has been set for May 13, and the Library sale will be on all day.

At Christmas time, Optima members knitted socks, sweaters, and mittens for the people of a mountain community in Virginia. Mrs. Lloyd helped distribute these gifts and brought back to us many interesting and moving accounts of the people of that settlement.



M.V.S. COUNCIL

Delegates to the ninth annual meeting of the Council began arriving on Wednesday afternoon, April twelfth. That evening a reception was given in Great Hall, attended by the Faculty, the Senior Class, and officers of other classes and student groups. A program was presented by members of the Music Faculty.

Thursday morning, too windy for cap and gown ceremony, Flag service was held in Chapel. Council members visited classes all morning. After lunch they went to

the indoor gymnasium to view demonstrations by the Dance Classes and Dance Club. After the sports program the opening meeting of the Council was held at the Field House. Classes in Home Economics provided tea, delicious sandwiches, and dainty cakes for our refreshment. After tea, reports were made to the Council by representatives of the club activities of the school. For example, Betty Petty reported for Publications Workshop. She described the planning and actual work involved in the make-up both of Cloister Columns and Cupola. In spite of hectic last minute contributions, broken typewriters, and sprung quizzes, the Staff has somehow been able to bring out each issue as scheduled. Work on Cupola, going on since November, at the time of Betty's report was waxing more and more intensive. Lights are on late in Mrs. Currier's room these last nights, and the Infirmary milk route does a big business.

Elna Blount gave an account of the new Gardening Club. The group is small this year, but Mrs. Lloyd has her young horticulturists thoroughly schooled in the idiosyncrasies of seedlings and the perversity of garden tools.



We are just waiting for those first days with the hoe. Mount Vernon has never looked so beautiful as it will then.

There are two French Clubs in school, one in the Forms and the other in the College. Deenie Hutton spoke for the Forms club; the College was not represented. Both clubs base membership on scholastic standing. French plays have graced assembly, French movies have been attended, a French restaurant is on the calendar, and you should see these girls play French games and hear them sing French songs.

Thursday evening a program was presented by the departments of Fine and of Applied Arts. The Drama department produced two clever plays. The first was "The Bishop's Candlesticks," a sketch from "Les Miserables;" the second was a charming fantasy called, "All on a Summer's Day." They were very well performed and charmingly costumed. On the program were three songs by the Glee Club, a duet by the Hersloffs, piano and violin solos, and a fashion show of costumes designed by members of the Art Club. Nan Moses, President of Art Club, introduced each model with suggestive remarks as to the purpose and suitability of the design. Costume designing, however, is only a side issue with these girls, under the artistic guidance of Miss Munn. They model in clay, sketch, paint, and provide posters for school events. Gretchie Thomas is a stimulating second to Miss Munn.

Friday evening the Optima members of the council were guests at the formal initiation of twelve new members into the club. A final business meeting on Saturday morning closed the 1939 session of M.V.S. Council.



FORECAST

As our book must be off to the printer's, our story closes with several important events to come. Swimming pageant is still in rehearsal, but Miss Jean has promised us a picture for this book. On the 29th of April we swing into another Prom at Field House, not so formal as the first, but probably just as much fun. On the 4th of May the Juniors will entertain the Seniors at their annual banquet. We are as much in the dark as you are as to the theme and program of that mysterious event.

The Athletic Association should enter competition with Ringling Brothers if all we hear of their Fair is true. There will be real horses to ride, delicious ice-cream cones to munch, and balls, three for a dime, to throw.

"In Mozart's Time" is the operetta to be given by the Choral Club on Tuesday evening, May 30. Colorful eighteenth century costumes will add much to the pleasing harmony of music and dance.

SCHOOL



COUNCIL

Mascots

While these more conspicuous, more exciting events have been absorbing our attention and interest, always in the background School Council has been working seriously and constructively toward a better realization of citizenship among the students. Patsy Fowler as President has attained in her leadership this year the culmination of her several years of experience. Faculty members as well as students pay tribute to her understanding and good sense.

Council is representative of all groups, all factions at M. V. S. Before the School Council come problems of school conduct, Student-Faculty relations, even Faculty attitudes and responsibilities in the furtherance of student government. Knotty problems are talked out in this selective group, clearing the atmosphere for ever better understanding among the various groups in the school community.

Forms Council has been especially well represented this year by Isabel Vanderkloot, Kay Norris, Irene Stewart and Bitsey Birney.

GRADUATES FROM THE FOURTH FORM

We introduce you now to the star performers in this dramatic year at Mount Vernon Seminary. Meet first our younger graduating class, the members of the Fourth Form, 1939. Their individual and group achievements have won the admiration and friendship of the whole school. As these girls go from M. V. S. they leave behind a year of happiness together. They take with them the assurance that their class will not soon be forgotten. As leaders of the Forms they have merited the respect and confidence of the lower grades. They have shown, under the able leadership of their President, Isabel Vanderkloot, that only a well organized group can make the Fourth Form stand for all that it should in the school.

At the end of last year Isabel was elected President of the Fourth Form and Patsy Adams, President of the White Class. When Patsy did not return to school this year, both positions fell to Isabel. Early in the year the group was otherwise unorganized, but after Christmas a class meeting was held at which Janet Reighley was elected Secretary-Treasurer and plans for class activities were discussed. On account of ill health Janet was obliged to leave school in March and Nancy Eggleston was chosen to fill her place. We have missed Janet from that group and hope to have her back here next fall. One more item: the girls ask us to boast a bit about their new rings which they designed themselves.

The spirit of this group and its sense of leadership have grown under the guidance of Mrs. Lindsay, Advisor. Its Council members helped to bring about the student proctoring of Study Hall, and under their conscientious efforts this proctoring has been successful. This year the Junior College and the Fourth Form have been more closely associated than in previous years, thanks to the friendly and cooperative college Seniors. As President of the Day Students, Bitsy Birney has worked toward a more vital share for her group in school activities. Early in the year she opened her campaign by entertaining the whole class at tea.

For the future many colleges are calling the members of 1939. Among them are Vassar, Wellesley, Smith, Stanford, Scripps, Sarah Lawrence, Finch, and our own Junior College. Read the individual roll that follows for particulars. We all wish them great success in the years to come. May the good old M.V.S. spirit of cooperation stand by them in the new responsibilities they are about to assume.



JOAN BAILEY

Joan Bailey, popular throughout the whole school, comes from Winona, Minn. Her interests are varied. She sings in the Choir and is also interested in acting. As one of the fair daughters in "The Admirable Crichton", she created charm and humor to the success of this year's school play. Though she is not in sports she has lots of school spirit and may always be found in the cheering section. Very talkative and amusing she has endeared herself to all who come in contact with her.

ANN BARR

Ann Barr was a member of the Little Theatre Activity in 1936 and 1937. She was also in the Christ-



mas Play during those years. For 1938-39 she decided to try her voice in the Glee Club. In 1937 she won her letter for tennis and in the fall of 1938 proved her worth by winning the doubles in the Fall Tennis Tournament with Bitsy Birney. Through all her years at M.V.S. Ann has tried valiantly but unsuccessfully to persuade people to call her Nan.

AGNES BIRNEY

Bitsy Birney is President of the Day Students and also of the French Club. She has been in the Athletic Association for the past three years. She was a member of Little Theatre for four years and is Secretary this year. She is on the



hockey and basketball teams and won the 1938 tennis "doubles" for the White Team. She is also in the Dance Club. Tiny Bitsy has been at M.V.S. four years. She is entering Smith College in the fall.

MARTHA HILL BOYD

One girl our class will never forget is Martha, from Appleton, Wisconsin. She has a great sense of humor and a magnetic personality. She always leaves us in a happy mood. Her favorite sport is horseback riding, at which she excels. Because of her love for animals, she has kept the school well supplied, for two years, with everything from fish to stray



puppies. Martha has been a member of Choir during both years at M.V.S. She is going to Lawrence College, Appleton, Wisconsin.

BEATRICE CLARK

It is only natural that Bea's favorite pastime should be sailing, for recently she has become a resident of Nassau in the Bahamas. Our mathematical genius also has a fondness for collecting cute clothes and dog books. An all around girl, she plays on the basketball squad and belongs to the Modern Dance Club. As a member of the Little Theatre group she took part in the Christmas play and worked on the setting for the school play. Bea is going to Wellesley in the fall.



NANCY ELLICOTT DAVIS

Nancy entered school in the fall of 1934. She joined the Field House Seminar for her first two years, switched to Little Theatre and subsequently to Publications. This year she has been a member of the Choir and Glee Club. She was the Lend-A-Hand Representative for the Day Student Group, 1938-1939. She is an active member in the Forms French Club. She was in the Operetta given in the spring of 1938. Nancy has been on the White hockey squad for two years and the White basketball squad for one year.



NANCY EGGLESTON

Nancy, Secretary of Fourth Form, is one of the most talented members of the Fourth Form. She is a member of Optima, Treasurer of the French Club, and is on the volley ball team. She is popular with everyone at school, for she always has a friendly greeting for whomever she meets. In Little Theatre she has shown unusual acting ability. Nancy hails from Pelham, New York. She enters Vassar in the fall.



ANNE FULLER

For the New England atmosphere we turn to Anne, who lives in Newton, Massachusetts. Anne seems to want to be a good hostess. At least she is a devoted member of the Field House activity. On the archery team, she shoots as straight an arrow as you please. Anne entered school late but this has not handicapped her one bit. She makes friends quickly and is devoted to her chums. She is entering college next year but is not sure which one.



MARY HAYDEN

Mary is one of our most attractive and best-liked girls. She is captain of the White Team and, excelling in all sports, is on both hockey and basketball teams. She also won the tennis finals for her team. She is on the Social League and Dress Committee and a member of Choir. She is tiny and blonde, a typical Westerner, who hails from San Francisco, California,



and returns there to enter Stanford University in September.

NANCY HEMING

Nancy is one of our prize French students and, of course, a member of French Club. In fact she is pretty good right down the line, having been on Academic honor roll twice. Very active in sports, she has been on the volley ball



team. Nancy is one of the New York gals. She is genial and adaptable and we all like her a lot. She is planning to go to Sarah Lawrence next year.

ANN MASON HERSLOFF

Vice-President of the White Class, Ann is one Fourth Former who is liked by everyone. She is a mem-



ber of Choir and of the Social League. A very talented girl, she both plays the piano and sings. She excels in all sports, but her favorite is hockey. She caught the train from Easton, Maryland, to come here for this, her third year. She is on her academic way next year, but at present her destination is undetermined.



HARRIET HOFFMAN

Sweet is the word for Harriet, who holds the unchallenged reputation of having the most beautiful eyes in the Fourth Form. She likes dramatics and is a member of the Little Theatre group. She is athletically inclined but modest about it. The last thing you would expect of Harriet is bragging about herself. She is sympathetic and generous, and what should we do without her in the class? She lives in Elmira, New York, and will enter our own Junior College next fall.



GRACE KLIPSTEIN

In Gay we find the spirit of fun and a flair for acting. She sings in the Choir, is a member of the new Dance Club, and plans to go on with the study of art; but we believe she is fondest of dramatics. She has the makings of a great comedienne and loves to entertain others. (Shall we ever forget her Harpo Marx?) Gay hails from South Orange, New Jersey.

ANGELA MARTIN

Greenwich, Connecticut, has sent "Angie" to M.V. S. the past two years. She has a keen sense of humor



and a love for action. That certain artistic sense is evident in Studio, in Modern Dance Club, and in the Publications Workshop. She excels in sports as a member of both the hockey and basketball squads. By the way, that English accent is real, for "Angie" was born in Merry Old England. She is planning to travel in Europe next year.

MARY CAREW
MARTINDALE

When we think of Mary we think of dramatics, for she is one of our most appealing and talented Fourth per-Formers. Did you see her do haughty Mary in "The Admirable Crichton"? She is Secretary



of the White Class and active in all sports, especially hockey. She lives in Lansing, Michigan, but prefers us to say she is from California, where she has spent most of her life. In fact all we can learn about that school next year is, "Somewhere in California."

KATHERINE NORRIS

"Katie", from Milwaukee, Wisconsin, is tiny but will leave a lasting impression on the members of our class. She is definitely an all around girl. She is a member of Optima, evidence of her academic honors, and Secretary of the Student Body. Last year she was Lend-A-Hand Representative. She excels in sports as well as social leadership, being on both



hockey and basketball teams. Incidentally, she plays a fast game of tennis.

JOAN O'HARA

"O'Horrors", the peppiest girl in the Fourth Form, never seems to lose that gay spirit of hers. Nothing serious has ever bothered her; at least not until this year. She has been a star in all sports, a member of both basketball and hockey teams. Joanie flits from her home in Newtonville, Massachusetts, to M. V.S. and back to Newtonville. Other flits carry her to her beloved Nantucket, her popularity following her wherever. Next year? Who knows, and why worry?



DOROTHY RHODES

Dorothy Rhodes, from Memphis, Tennessee, typifies the Southerner in all points. Easy going and casual in her manner, she makes friends easily and is popular with everyone. She is rather gullible but that only shows her trusting nature. Dottie joins in all sports and although she does not excel in any special field, she goes at them all with vim and vigor and has a good time. She hopes to enter Lawrence Junior College in the fall.



MARGARET SWARTZELL

Margaret Swartzell has been a member of the M. V.S. Day Students for four years. She is a member of the White Class and has belonged to the Forms French Club for two years. In the fall of 1938 she played on the White volley ball team. The Day Students elected her as their representative to the Dress Committee for 1938-1939. Her favorite hobby is bowling, in any kind of weather.



JANE THOMAS

Jane, the tiniest member of our Fourth Form, hails from the Smoky City, with a passion for collecting shoes and the latest swing records. She even collects the clothes that Boyd, her roommate, leaves around the room. She not only belongs to the French Club but she also is acquiring experience for the future as a participant of the Field House Activity. Full of fun, Jane is able competition for that high powered roommate of hers. Watch out, Lawrence.



ELLEN TIEFENTHAL

Tieffy, one of those tall striking girls from the "Big City", displays a keen wit which makes her an amusing and interesting companion to all. Having traveled far she is always full of new ideas, taking a live part in every activity. She was White Class Secretary last year. This year she has played on the volley ball team and is a Lend-A-Hand Representative.



"Tieffy" is planning to go to Vassar next year.

ISABEL VANDERKLOOT

Izzy is President of the Fourth Form and of the White Class. Last year she was White Class Treasurer. She is in Optima, Choir, and Dance Club. She excels in sports as well as social and academic activity, being Captain of this



year's volley ball team. Izzy hails from the Navy. Her vivacious personality and her dependable leadership all account for her popularity with us and with "them." Next year she will probably move with the "Navy" to some school in California.

ANNE VINTON

"Vinny", the life of every gathering, comes to us from Memphis, Tennessee. An active member of



the Publications Workshop, she is the chief upholder of the gossip—personality appeal. And who could have carried the Boar's Head in such a fine fashion as "Vinny"? Although always ready for fun, she accepts her share in any school activity which she joins. She is a member of the volley ball team and Treasurer of the White Class.



BOYCE WARR

Boyce is another Fourth Former who comes from Memphis, Tennessee. She too is friendly and easy going in the southern manner. She has a jolly disposition and it takes an awful lot to get her ruffled. Her favorite sports are swimming, tennis and basketball. To see her in the water one would think she was a champion. She is also in the Dance Club. She is an ardent music lover and plays the piano with skill. Next year she is going to Finch.



GLADYS WATKINS

Gladys, a day student for four years, has enjoyed the honor of membership in Optima for all of that time, serving in 1938 as Vice-President. During her first year she was a member of Little Theatre, but finding it unsuited to her talents she joined the Garden Club in 1938. She has been on the hockey squad for three years and a member of basketball for four. Gladys is entering Smith College.

Early this year Mr. Lloyd assigned to the Forms Mrs. Currier's classroom, for evening meetings and get-togethers. This attempt at a Forms Club was not very successful. The original desire of the girls was to have a room of their very own which they could arrange and supervise. This of course was impossible with the classroom set-up. We believe the idea is an excellent one; that the girls of the lower school would profit in every way from a meeting place both for informal recreation and for free discussion.

The Crowning Glories of the year, both the climax and the happy ending of our story, are grouped below as they rejoice over the triumph of their ingenious wits. Meet our clever, cute, and competent College Seniors!



College Seniors

CLASS OF 1939

MOUNT VERNON JUNIOR COLLEGE

The Class of 1939 will be remembered mainly for its pep, school spirit and rugged individualism. Led by Betty Petty, President, it has come nobly through all trying situations. Her patience and efficiency have stimulated a group spirit which has carried far into affairs both academic and social. Elna Blount, Vice-President, has been a happy representative of the class, with her cheerfulness and vivacity. Mildred Rand, Secretary, not only keeps readable minutes (so they say) but she fails not to remember those invitations, escorts, place-cards and million other important details that go to make a successful social program. Janet Finlay, Treasurer, has a gift not only for collecting pennies but for budgeting their outgo as well. This class claims it actually will be solvent when the final reckoning comes.

These members of 1939 come from all parts of the country: the golden West, the industrial (not necessarily industrious) East, and, most of all, the sunny South. There are girls from Texas, Kansas, Oklahoma, Indiana, Illinois, and Ohio; from New York, Connecticut, and Pennsylvania; from Georgia, Alabama, Virginia, and North Carolina. Last year we dubbed them "Jazzy Juniors." We wish we could change that on the record to "Serious Seniors," but it cannot be done. Frankly they are just not that type. Just the same, they are leaving behind them some outstanding achievements, academic and artistic. We expect to hear further from a number of these "rugged individuals."

These girls have seen several more or less important changes come to the school. Perhaps an omen of this was the burning last year of their beloved Shelter. That was very definitely a change. It meant cigarettes and card games must be carried henceforth to the shampoo room! The privilege of the Junior College to wear make-up off campus was brought about by the persuasive efforts of both 1938 and 1939. Important? Well, we suppose it depends on how well you look with or without make-up. This year a series of Senior teas has been undertaken, with the encouragement and aid of the Social League. A grand Prom was given, as well as one or two unexpected informal dances. The girls in the Forms tell us that the class of 1939 has won their lasting devotion by boosting said Forms government one step nearer democracy.

What comes next, Girls of 1939? Whatever it is, we wish you all good fortune as you turn the page to the next chapter of the story each one of you must write.

Vice-President of Senior Class
President of Gardening Club
Citizenship Committee '39
Art Club '38



ELNA MARGARET BLOUNT

Our auburn haired, snapping - eyed, Birmingham - booster Vice - President should be on the social committee. She loves people, hates to be alone, and teases incessantly. Vivacious El is always in the middle of things, being a gardener, a bridge fiend, and a connoisseur of snow men and tiny jewelry; but how she does dislike whipped cream! Sometimes crazy, always considerate, El is one of the best liked girls in the Senior Class.

"What's mine
is yours . . ."



President of Little Theater '39
Assistant Proctor '39
Fire Chief '39
Head of Riding on Athletic Board '39
Little Theater '38

NANCY ENGLISH BROWER

This sophisticated lady with her clever clothes spends what time she is not on a horse as Assistant Proctor, and President of the Little Theater. It is her great ambition to be a breeder of fine horses. Nancy finds fun everywhere and works only under necessity. Not having to be a member of the Count-your-calories Club, she feasts on cokes, peanut butter sandwiches, and memories of Birmingham. We shall miss level-headed, good conversationalist Nancy.

"Let the
world slide . . ."

Head Proctor '39
Citizenship Committee '39
Junior College Council '39
Junior Class President
Secretary-Treasurer of Fourth Form
Secretary-Treasurer of Athletic Assn. '37
Prom Committee '36
Art Club '36



BARBARA JEAN CALLAN

Straight from Texas came Barbara four years ago. In her quiet way she has won a reputation for competency in whatever she does, whether it be in Art, her keenest interest, or in carrying out the many duties of Head Proctor of Junior College. Her lovely brown hair is rarely done twice in the same fashion, a proof of her versatility of idea. Further proof? Her exciting suggestions for senior events.

"Whose words all
ears took captive"



Choir and Glee Club '39
Little Theater '36
Treble Cleff '37

GLADYS ANN CARTER

"There's the
humor of it"

Happy - go - lucky Gladys has many, many friends in Washington and is most interested in having fun; but she does have her serious moments. Also she is a clever athlete. Our only day student comes to school at eight-thirty and usually leaves at mid - morning. School work comes after all the best swing records have been played, yet miraculously enough Gladys makes excellent marks. How does she do it?

Secretary of Junior College Council '38
President of Choir '38
Choir and Glee '39
Secretary of French Club '39



D E N I S E H E N R I E T T E C O B L E N T Z

Denise Coblentz is one of our more intellectual members. When not prying into the mysteries of psychology or zoology, she spends her time "shooting up the works" and burning rank incense. She was last year's President of the Choir; likewise she can sing. She was Secretary of the '37-'38 Junior College Council and now fills that same office in the French Club.

"There's nothing ill can
dwell in such a temple"



Field House '37-'38
Field House '38-'39

M A R J O R I E M A R Y C O X

Coxie, our tiniest senior and a Cleveland, is gloriously happy one day and terribly worried the next. We suppose therein lies at least some of that charm. She has plenty. She is sympathetic, with ambitions to become a nurse. It is our guess that an early marriage will intervene. If she is not to nurse, Coxie says she wants to design shoes. That must be for those perfect little feet of hers.

"How far that little
candle throws its beams"

Field House '38
Field House '39



ANNE LAURIE COMER

One of our fair "Dixie" belles is Anne Laurie Comer, who has a most, most southern drawl. She is a believer in "safety in numbers," socially speaking. When she plays, she plays; when she works, she works; and nothing ever stands in the way of her play. In other words she has the you're-only-young-once idea. It seems like a good one, however, as Anne Laurie rates academically as well as socially.

"Smooth runs the water
where the brook is deep"



Publications Workshop '38
Staff of Cloister Columns '39
Cupola Publications Board '39

DOROTHY ELIZABETH DANN

Our first thought is she is nice to everyone and has a quick sense of humor. She gives grand parties, plays a good game of ping-pong, and likes to swim, even in the winter. Always willing to help, and brimming with class spirit, she enters enthusiastically into all school activities. Dorothy has been an active member of the Publications Workshop. She started the ball rolling for the Cupola by being the first to have her Senior picture taken.

"The courageous
captain of compliments"

Field House '38
Field House '39
French Club '39



JANE HARRIET DILLBAHNER

Jane can certainly be classed as a first rate authority on the raising of fish and snails. The aquarium which she has set up is quite professional and the number of deaths reported, comparatively few. Besides her talent for raising young, Jane masters French almost as well as English. She has been an active member of the French Club during her two years at M.V.S. Jane is what one might call a "Braintruster".

"I am all the daughters
of my father's house
And all the
brothers, too"



Treasurer of Senior Class
Advertising Manager of Little Theater '39
Optima
French Club

JANET ELEANOR FINLAY

"Be sure of it; give
me the ocular proof"

Janet is one of the most regular of our Seniors. The first of every month finds her outside each door waiting with open palm for those Senior dues. She is our Treasurer and should be commended for the fine work she has done. In athletics she ranks high among the M.V.S. tennis players. Academically she is "math - minded." Neither the longest of algebraic formulae nor the most complicated of theorems can ever get her down.

Vice-President of Little Theater '39
Little Theater '38
Head of Shelter Committee '38



JULIA GRANT FLETCHER

The and-how girl of the senior class is Fletcher, an easy going, good natured Southerner who keeps us all laughing. Her activities as housekeeper of the Shelter last year were cut short by the burning of the building in February(!). This able Vice - President of Little Theater has distinct dramatic ability, but she admits she hopes to turn it all toward marriage.

" . . . Nature hath given
wit to flout at Fortune."



President of Student Body '39
Citizenship Committee '39
School Council '39
Optima
Prom Committee '36-'39
Glee Club '33-'39
Choir '37-'39
Athletic Association '35
Vice-President of Junior Class '38
President of Fourth Form '36
President of Yellow Class '35

PATRICIA KNOX FOWLER

Between Social League activities and music recitals, Patsy finds time to carry on superbly as President of Student Body. Her executive ability and enthusiasm have brought a consistent, effective leadership to M.V.S. during the six years she has been in the school. Popular both in the Forms and in the Junior College, Patsy has done much to build up the citizenship of the school and to improve the workings of student government.

"Is she not
passing fair?"

Field House '38
Field House '39
Secretary-Treasurer of Athletic Board '39



M A R G A R E T P O R T E R H A S T I N G S

Our one representative from New Haven has banners and dolls of Eli everywhere. Peg is busy with the Field House and the Secretaryship of the A.A. Board. During the long winter months, we silently bless her for her infallible good humor. Then, too, she is extremely good to look at. A natural curl in her hair, a slim waist, and tiny shoes, Peg "has something there."

"Welcome . . .
ever smiles"



President of Athletic Association '39
Social Committee
Prom Committee
Choir '35-'39
Choir Librarian '38
Athletic Board '38
Treble Clef

MARCIA WATTS HERSLOFF

During her three years at Mount Vernon Marnie's energy has found its chief outlet in sports, of which her favorite is basketball. Her achievements were rewarded this year when she was elected President of Athletic Association. At home in Easton, Maryland, sailing is her absorbing interest. Vivacious and full of fun, Marnie is popular with both boys and girls. There is never a dull moment when she is around.

"The play's
the thing"

Treasurer of French Club '39
Assistant Proctor '39
Little Theater '37-'39



VIRGINIA HOFFMANN

Ginny is certainly going somewhere in Art. She loves it, works hard at it, and plans to go on studying it. "Always in a hurry" yet "always ready beforehand" are her paradoxical passwords. They apply especially to Junior lights and the treasury of French Club. Furthermore she is a superactive Fire Captain. An ardent tennis fan, Ginny has reserved seats at Forest Hills each summer. Fair and faithful, she makes a fine friend, sincere and interesting.

"For courage
mounteth with occasion"



President of French Club '39
Treasurer of Choir and Glee Club '39
Treasurer of Junior Class '38
Choir and Treble Clef '36-'39

JANET GREY HOWE

"Brevity is the
soul of wit"

Parlez-vous francais? Janet Howe does. Being President of French Club, naturally she would. We hope she believes that honesty is the best policy, as she is Treasurer of the Choir this year; and what's more, she was Treasurer of our Junior Class last year. She is what one might call "canine crazy," as dogs seem to be almost a hobby with her, whether they be stuffed calico, pencil sketches, or the real thing.



NANCY OLIVIA JONES

When our popular Nancy is not away on week-ends, she is busy practicing dance steps, playing bridge or ping-pong, or putting awfully cute touches to her clothes. We often call on her to lead the class in dancing. Never shall we forget that "Biggest" Apple. She has a mighty clever use of words which she can make really funny. Vivacious Nancy has plenty of good ideas for brightening whatever corner she may be in.

"When you do dance,
I wish you
A wave of the sea,
that you might ever do
Nothing but that . . ."



Editor of Cupola and Cloister Columns '39
President of Lend-a-Hand '39
Publications Workshop '38

FRANCES ISABELLA MAGILL

Frankie, capably following in her sister's footsteps, has cheerfully and persistently carried out her duties this year both as Editor of Publications and President of Lend - a - Hand Society. Whether asked to write feature stories or collect money, Frankie always keeps going until the assignment is finished, meanwhile keeping her staff amused as they fall, one by one, by the wayside, exhausted. Under her bed we discovered the implements with which Frankie digs up the turf while playing her favorite golf.

"As merry as
the day is long"

President of Optima '39
President of Art Club '39
President's List Council '39
Optima '38-'39
Art Club '38-'39



ENID ANNA MOSES

Enid Anna Moses, known to us as Nan, holds this year the very high and distinctive office of President of Optima Club. In addition to this, she is President of the Art seminar, all in all a very busy girl. Last year she was a junior proctor and one of the fire captains. You can well imagine that lights were out on time and fire drills conducted with whistles blowing. Her artistic ability has been highly commended as well as her excellent scholastic record.

"A tear for
pity and a hand
Open as day for
melting charity"



Athletic Association Board '39
Head of Hockey '39
Little Theater '39

ANN NICHOLSON

"To beguile many,
and be beguiled by one"

There is something about a boat, an orchestra, and sea nights that are conducive to frequent visitors for Nicky of the lovely features, complexion, and hair. Having a good time, falling in and out of love, and composing poetry are only a few of Nicky's specialties. She has won many cups for her fine swimming and diving, and she can even read palms. Our only new Senior this year, Nicky has made a host of friends among us.

Vice-President of Athletic Association Board
Little Theater '37-'39
Optima '39



R U T H E L L E N P A U L

Ruth's distinctive achievements during her senior year are a far cry from her Junior days, when wandering in the upper hall was her favorite indoor sport. Speaking of sports, her participation in hockey and basketball brought her into the limelight this year as Vice-President of the Athletic Association. Last year Ruth was a member of the Privilege List Committee. This year she enjoys the privileges of the President's List herself.

"Her voice was
ever soft,
Gentle, and low, an
excellent thing in woman"



President of Senior Class
Optima '39
President's List Committee '39
School Council '39
Junior College Council '39
Feature Editor of Cupola and
Cloister Columns '39
Secretary of Junior Class '38
Secretary of French Club '38
Field House '38



*This is Mrs. Currier, the
most efficient, most considerate, and
grandest Editor of All. I want
to forget you with love from the
administration and
Betty.*

ELIZABETH KATHERINE PETTY

This year Betty has filled the office of President of the Senior Class with a zeal and an efficiency that have won the admiration of us all. She brings to every problem a happy nature and an easy, reassuring manner. A serious sense of responsibility and a love of mischief and fun are perfectly blended in Betty, with the result that she is a great favorite with us all. Betty is interested in dramatics and hopes to study it further.

"A merry heart
goes all the day"

President of Choir and Glee Club
Secretary of Senior Class
Choir '37-'39



MILDRED JESSE RAND

Mildred Rand, who has all but turned into a professional hair setter, is one of our more practical seniors. As a junior she was one of those proctors, and a good one, too, for nothing escaped her "eagle eye" (not much, anyway). This year she is Secretary of the Senior Class. She is also President of the Choir and Glee Club, which may or may not mean that she is musical.

"Every why
hath a wherefore"



Librarian of Choir '38
Choir and Glee Club '39

BARBARA ANN RUSCHLI

One of our tinier seniors, who has more "wim and wigor" than all the rest of the class put together, is the little "Orchy-Borchy." Appendicitis is no longer her chief worry, but crew-cutted men are turning her hair gray at this point. She spends much of her spare time in the art studio, and why not? She is art-minded, and she talks a blue streak, but all of that is only a part of her cute personality.

"... fortune's
buffets and rewards
Hast ta'en
with equal thanks"

Vice-President of French Club '39
Little Theater '38-'39



S U Z A N N E S A I L O R

Here we have good competition for Sonja Henie. Suzie Sailor has taken up figure skating as a part-time hobby. Nothing, not even a senior essay, ever stood in the way of Sue's skating lessons. This year she holds the office of Vice-President of the French Club — elle parle très bien. One of her chief difficulties in life seems to be "that diet"—and those cold baths every morning and night.

"O bed! bed! bed!
delicious bed!
That heaven upon
earth to the weary head."



Field House '38-'39
French Club '39

M A R I A N H A L C R O S T E E L

"... blessed with the
soft phrase of peace"

When Marian sets her mind to a thing she really finishes it, whether reading "Gone With The Wind" or saving lunch money. Turning furniture painter, Marion transformed her mahogany bed table into a glamorous red and white creation with raised initials. She is often seen knitting in time to her radio. This usually quiet girl, with her gentle, fun-loving nature, has made a name for herself both in the French Club and in the Senior Class.

Business Manager of Cupola and
Cloister Columns '39
Vice-President of White Class '37
Field House '36-'37



MARY MARGARET TRUITT

Pig, our life-of-the-party senior, has had her hands full, first as Assistant, then as Business Manager of Cupola. She says she has no ambitions but that she does love music, the classical kind. We happen to know that she also thrills to the swing of the Vic during the habitual "cocktail" hour of her suite. Other loves seem to be Virginia Beach, pushed peas, and chocolate. This senior class would never be the same without Pig, with her cute clothes, funny gestures, and original ideas.

"I'll tickle
your catastrophe"



President of Field House '39
Field House '38

ALICE JOSEPHINE UIHLEIN

"Come not within the
measure of my wrath"

To have the nickname "Eel" might be hard for anyone with less personality to live down. This President of the Field House is the most lively, devil-may-care of the Seniors, with a temper and a heart of gold. Among her hates is public speaking. Eel is noted for her Brooks sweaters and her hair which manages to stay in place, much to our envy. She always has a ready idea and is great fun to have around.

Treasurer of Field House '39
Field House '38



ELEANOR CRESWELL WALLACE

Wallace, a red haired Southern belle, will some day be famous as an authority on how to make brownies. Even more important she will make some man a grand wife. She has majored in Home Economics during her two years here, and this year is Treasurer of the Field House. With a good joke ever on the tip of her tongue, Eleanor is always ready to join in the fun. She adds color to any gathering.

"Not stepping o'er
the bounds of modesty"

TESTAMENTARY

WE, THE SENIOR CLASS of Mount Vernon Seminary, collectively and individually, being of soundless mind and body and having, we believe, reached a sufficient age, do hereby declare this to be our last will and testament:

First, we wish that our just debts be paid whatever disaster such settlement may bring to our joint heirs.

Further, as a Class, we bequeath

Item: To Mr. Lloyd, our perpetual lip service in response to his eagle eye, even after our voices are lost in silence.

Item: To Mrs. Lloyd, a happy faith in an ever increasing tribe of horticulturists.

Item: To Miss Hastings, Pres. Bet Pet's faith in human nature.

Item: To Miss Agnes, Frankie's journalistic jargon.

Item: To Mr. Bobby Rice, Finlay's mathematical ability to lend to his student treasurers.

Item: To the Faculty as a group, all our troublesome but promising little sisters.

REALIZING the indestructible quality of our charm and good manners, we have persuaded certain individuals to pass on to less favored sisters the following personal endowments:

Item: To Ann Hersloff, Janny-Poo Howe wills her always neat and unruffled appearance.

Item: To Julia Block, Roomy Blount leaves her vivacious manner and her birdlike voice. (What bird? What do you think?)

Item: To Eleanor Love, Eel Uihlein leaves her lusty vocal chords.

Item: To Barbara Buxton, "Sally" Rand bequeathes her softly cooing, melodious articulation.

Item: To Ruth Blanchard, Orchy-Borchy Ruschli hands on her sunny nature.

Item: To Gracie Evens, Foo Callan leaves her invincible reserve.

Item: To Peggy Mack, Gull Comer gives her inexhaustible tact.

Item: To Angie Martin, Gupie Dillbahner bequeathes her placidity and sweet content.

Item: To Mary Martindale, Bull-rushes Moses leaves her demureness of manner.

Item: To Ann Vinton, Gin Fizz Hoffmann leaves her hurry-scurry flurry.

Item: To Mary Ann Osborn and Gloria Smith, share and share alike Coxie-Babe leaves the use of her endless line.

Item: To Mary Blankenhorn, "Hortense" H. Jones wills her rapid technique.

Item: To Sue Peregoy, Echo Hastings leaves her love of peace.

AS A DISTINGUISHED CLASS, we have further accumulated certain special gifts and privileges which we are loathe to withdraw from good old M.V.S.

Item: To the stirring ambitions of Joan Bunde we would leave the trusty brain of Dr. Paul, Ph.D. to be.

Item: To Martha Boyd, we will most hopefully, Chum Fowler's influence with Mr. Lloyd.

Item: To Evelyn Straub, Gad-about Carter bequeathes her swing records.

Item: To Betty Forsling, U.S. Steel wills her ability to cope with Mademoiselle.

FURTHERMORE, be it known that there are some things we are through with anyhow.

Item: To Margaret Talley, Hot Poo Hersloff bequeathes her superfluous energy.

Item: To Yankee Ashey, Scarlett Wallace leaves her confederate spirit.

Item: To Neon Ruth, Fletch surrenders her dictatorial style.

Item: To Midge Ellis's horses, Brower leaves her hey-hey.

Item: To Jean Guernsey, Siesta Sue Sailor wills her irresistible temptation to break diet.

Item: To Dorothy Carpenter, Nicky leaves her understanding soul.

Item: To Joan O'Hara, Denizal Puss Coblentz gives her academic record.

Item: To Miss Stephen, Dot Dann resigns "That Old Feeling."

Item: Pig Truitt leaves.

Item: The Senior Class, for the good of the school, gladly takes with them all copies of "Holy, Holy, Holy."

WE, THE UNDERSIGNED, having hereby lost our minds entirely, do beg that this, our last will and testament, be duly executed as stated.

Signed: FRANCES MAGILL

BETTY PETTY

MARY MARGARET TRUITT

In the presence of:

HILLIE CURRIER

PETER PIPER STEPHEN

FLOSSIE CARTER

PROPHETIC

"Far into the future our fancy did stray;
Just when? 'Twas forsooth on the first day of May.
We visioned our classmates in pageantry true;
The gist of that vision we pass on to you.

Some of the fairest will walk down the aisle,
Marry, have children, and rear them in style.

On a far away porch by the moaning sands
Sits Handbook Wallace, six kids on her hands.
After three trips to Reno and two little girls,
Our Coxie sits restless, still twiddling her curls.
Since Anne Laurie has but one infant to rear,
Her husband must cause all that worry and fear.
The birds and the bees were wondrous wise
To warn little Utch to beware of brown eyes.

Some people use money with no good intent,
Happier to have lost than ne'er to have spent.

Tremendously rich, but sadder and wiser,
Is Treasurer Finlay, absconder and miser.
A millionaire wife with glamor to spare,
Peg Hastings finds luxury boresome to bear.
A maker of tables from old hickory trees,
Our Marian charges exorbitant fees;
While, furtively buying a chance on each race,
Dann mutters and groans, "Highbrow, please get that pace!"

Just song and dance girls in a gay night spot,
They're plenty wise and they're plenty hot:

To honky-tonk music, midst jostling crowd,
Goes Patsy the torch-singer, crooning aloud.
Pet dries to deny it, but knowing friends vow
She's the best of the hulas, a grassy skirt wow.
Carter swings in and Carter swings out,
She still is just never seen hanging about,
But at ten cents a dance, wherever she goes,
Our little Randy is stealing the shows.

Varying widely from clowning to modeling,
Eel, Fletch, Howe, and Jones—their public is coddling.

"Miss Julia, may we go a-hiking today?"

Cry the members of Girl Scout troupe, six-eight-A.

Soliciting funds for the Welfare drive,

Is clubwoman Uihlein; her charities thrive.

With rings on her fingers and bells on her toes

Janny rides bareback in big circus shows.

Poke bonnet and bustle, a dimity dress,

Vogue's latest fashions send Jonesy to press.

Now pull up the curtain, the audience waits.

Brower's the actress whom everyone fetes.

Our prophets feel very safe to allow.

Actual futures, as interests run now,

Sailing through foam, the wind as her aid,

Marnie's still racing, and winning the grade.

A-ridin' on bronchos, a-talkin' with men,

Can this be the Paul gal that we all knew 'when'?

Our Suzie has found a dream of a life,

Testing new beds, free from hurry and strife.

Career women these, set on dangerous jobs,

To trap Uncle Sam with their powerful mobs.

Away from Mount Vernon and quite a bit freer,

Dillbahner smiles through the foam on her beer.

Beautiful bubbles in lazy champagne

Reflect sparkling Denny, escaping life's strain.

Heil to thee, Moses, the Nazis all say,

Now that Herr Hitler is well out of way.

She was hot in New York, but in cool Colorado

Ginny's the Moll of a gay desperado.

With five big seniors left, but with so little space,

We'll just love 'em, and give 'em a farewell embrace.

Though Frankie, the journalist, always could lead us,

We never imagined the stuff she would feed us.

With glasses on nose and a laugh for her 'clan'

Teacher Nicky reads lit. with a burst of elan.

Taking all honors is Callan the clever,

A super-surrealist, as arty as ever.

When one sees a house all gay with guests,

'Tis Blountie's, 'cause solitude she detests.

Oh say, can you hear by the dawn's early light

Pig, atop of her milk truck, sing lusty and bright,

"Though scattered afar, searching glamorous fame,

We'll try to be true to our '39 aim,

LABORE ET HONORE."

VALEDICTORY

The members of the Fourth Form will receive their diplomas on Monday, May the twenty-ninth. Tuesday, May the thirtieth, is Class Day. To finish the eventful year, the Senior Commencement with its impressive pageantry will take place on Wednesday, May the thirty-first.

Graduation time is necessarily a sad time, not only for those who leave, but also for those left. This has been a happy, successful year, both academically and socially. Everyone regrets seeing it come to a close; but always the attainment of a goal means the finish of a thrilling race.

May all success and happiness be yours, Classes of 1939. Those of us who remain shall be close on your heels. Come back to see us next year, and often. We shall be waiting for you.

"Far as the beacon light gleams through the night
Lies life's pathway, oh M.V.S."



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—Infirmery

We're a Georgia Peach and
A "Tarheel Maid"
Just saying hello to you and
If you ever need our aid
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Two

Three

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From the Suburbs

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Tomorrow is Another Day

Bea

Harriet

Hope

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Charity

While one will seek Mount Vernon
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To find the perfect four leaf clover,
 You need not search for very far
 Look in this suite 'cause we are

—'Mousie' Applewhite

—'Killer-Diller' Banks

—'Chic' Blanchard

—'Boo' Bayless

Fletcher

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Jones

We were angels with dirty faces
 We Little Fellows four—
 If you want to find the traces
 Just walk right in our door.

Uihlein

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